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New Options to Obtain SENASICA Import-Export Documents

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on August 9, 2012 an agreement with the procedures to obtain import/export certificates for agricultural, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries commodities, through electronic means. The effective date for this publication is October 8, 2012. No requirements have changed.

General Information:

Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement by the Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on August 9, 2012 with the procedures to obtain import/export certificates for agricultural, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries commodities, through electronic means.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: [Agreement](#) that indicates the procedure to obtain, through electronic means, import and export certificates of agricultural, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries commodities.

Executive Summary:

The Secretariat of Agriculture (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register) an agreement with the procedure to obtain, through electronic means, the import/export certificates of agricultural, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries products, issued by the National Service of Health, Food Safety, and Food Quality-SENASICA. These certificates are to confirm compliance with the requirements established for the importation or exportation of goods, upon documentary verification and physical inspection, and by which, the entry or exit of such goods in the country is authorized. No requirements have changed.

The agreement states that the certificates can be managed with the use of the Advanced Electronic Signature through the Mexican Foreign Trade Digital Window at www.ventanillaunica.gob.mx/vucem/index.htm or SENASICA's web page www.senasica.gob.mx, with the objective of simplifying procedures to issue the import/export certificates for agricultural, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries products.

SAGARPA stated in the agreement that the verification and inspection procedures to verify compliance with the requirements for the import and export merchandise shall be clear and transparent, as well as the documents required to comply with sanitary and phytosanitary measures required from the importer/exporter, according to legal provisions, domestic and international, as applicable.

The certificates that were issued prior to the entry into force of this new Agreement will be valid according to the validity indicated in them.

Important Dates

- 1. Publication Date:** August 9, 2012.
- 2. Effective Date:** October 8, 2012 (sixty calendar days after publication)

Additional Information

SAGARPA has been placing paperwork requirements and other services for importing/exporting agricultural, livestock, aquaculture and fisheries products, online to facilitate and simplify procedures

for users. For example, in 2010 SENASICA established an on-line system for issuing [Zoosanitary Requirements Sheets](#) for the importation of animal products; in 2012, SENASICA established an on-line system (module) [to consult phytosanitary requirements](#) (GAIN MX2008) for the importation of goods.

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